

# **Policy Practice: Social Workers as Policy Actors**

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The lecture focuses on the role of social workers as policy actors. These are social workers who participate in the policy process as part of their routine practice, thereby transforming private problems into public issues. The address is based on the findings of a number of research projects that studied the prevalence of policy practice in the discourse and practice of social work in different countries and the specific case of the involvement of social workers in parliamentary committees in Israel. The lecture concludes with a discussion of the theoretical contribution of this research and its ramifications for social work research, practice and education.